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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Y. Han |
| FUMITAKA TOYOMURA, ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2838 |
| Application No.: New Application |) | |
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| Filed: Concurrently Herewith |) | |
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| For: POWER CONVERTING |) | |
| APPARATUS AND POWER | : | |
| GENERATING APPARATUS |) | January 20, 2004 |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese

Priority Application:

Japan 2000-299974, filed September 29, 2000; and

Japan 2000-333681, filed October 31, 2000.

A certified copy of the priority document was filed in parent Application
No. 09/963,569.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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Respectfully submitted,


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